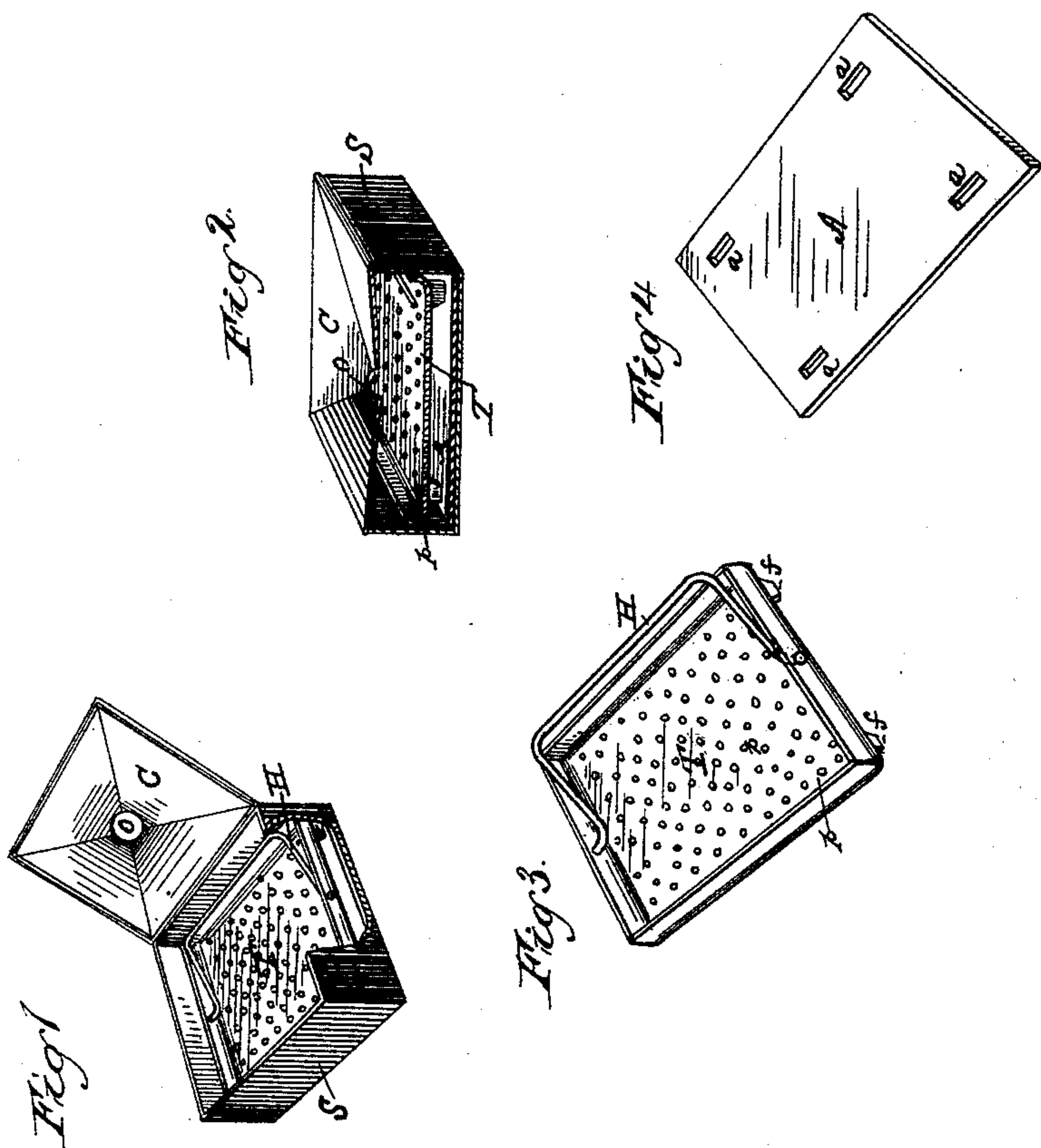


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## SPLITTOON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE DYCKMAN SWARTWOUT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Port Richmond, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spittoons and Analogous Articles, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a spittoon embodying my invention, a part of the wall being represented as though broken away to more fully exhibit the interior. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical longitudinal section of such spittoon, showing also a portion of the same in perspective. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the tray, and Fig. 4 a similar view of the absorbent disinfectant material I employ to accomplish some of the desired objects.

The purpose of my invention is to furnish a spittoon or cuspidor which may be easily cleansed and one which will absorb the liquids deposited in it and prevent their causing disagreeable odors; and it consists in the devices and combinations of devices hereinafter specified and claimed.

In the specimen illustrated, S is the spittoon proper, and consists of a box of any desired form of material, usually provided with a cover C, preferably hinged to the box, constructed to shut down over its upper edges and having an orifice O, as shown.

T is a tray of such form and dimensions that it may be placed within S. It is provided with perforations *p* in the bottom, and preferably has side walls extending entirely around it, as shown. The perforations might be placed in the side walls instead of the bottom, or formed by openings at the corner-joints of said side walls or the edges of the bottom. I usually make it of such a size and form that it will fit closely within S, leaving little or no space between its sides and the walls of S, and provide it with feet *f* to elevate it above the bottom of S, though this may be accomplished in several other ways—for instance, by letting it rest upon brackets or supports secured to S by suspending it on

hangers from the top of those walls, or by letting it rest upon a support between it and said bottom, but unconnected with either.

H is a handle provided for convenience of handling T.

A is an absorbent material placed in the spittoon underneath T, the apertures *a* being constructed to permit the feet *f* to pass through the same. This absorbent is also preferably a disinfectant or deodorizer—that is, it is formed of or treated with substances which give it that character. I have found that what is known as “white tar-paper” is an excellent material for the purpose intended.

The results obtained are manifest. Liquids or solids cast into the spittoon first strike upon T, where the solids are retained. The liquids pass on through *p* and are absorbed by A, thereby preventing objectionable odors, and also leaving no free liquid to be spilled by an accidental overturning of the spittoon.

When it is desired to cleanse the apparatus, the cover is thrown back, the handle H is grasped, (its form and arrangement having permitted it meanwhile to be turned from beneath the orifice O, and yet prevented it from falling down upon the bottom of T to become soiled,) the tray is lifted out, carrying with it its burden of solid matter, and is easily emptied and cleansed. Then, if desired, the absorbent A may be removed and the spittoon washed, though it is found that such cleansing is not so frequently required with this form of spittoon as in the case of such as have been heretofore used.

The invention is also adapted to use in all forms of spittoons, cuspidors, &c.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a spittoon or analogous vessel, the combination of the spittoon proper and a detachable false bottom arranged within and between the top and bottom of the spittoon, as set forth.

2. In a spittoon or analogous vessel, the combination of the spittoon proper and a detachable false bottom arranged within and between the top and bottom of the spittoon and fitting closely to the walls thereof, as set forth.



3. In a spittoon or analogous vessel, the combination of the spittoon proper and a detachable false bottom arranged within and between the top and bottom of the spittoon  
5 and provided with side walls, as set forth.

4. In a spittoon or analogous vessel, the combination of the spittoon proper and a de-

tachable false bottom arranged within and between the top and bottom of the spittoon and provided with a handle, as set forth.

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